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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the claims:

Replace claims 1, 16, 53, and 61 with the following amended claims that have been re-written in clean form.

1. (Amended) A method of selecting for one or more cells having a specific response to a stimulatory agent of interest, said method including the steps of:

(a) inserting a vector including a cassette comprising an internal ribosome entry site, a positive selection marker, a negative selection marker, and a reporter gene